

Dear Bill Honig,

Thank you for your thoughtful approach in updating the History-Social Science Curriculum Framework, and I appreciate the changes which were incorporated into the December 2015 draft.

Our children should be taught about the Armenian Genocide in an accurate and comprehensive manner, and while the recent revision is certainly a step in the right direction, there are two further additions that had been proposed which I urge you to consider:

1. The addition of language to the Eleventh Grade U.S. History section regarding the unprecedented U.S. humanitarian response to the Armenian Genocide, largely through the efforts of the first U.S. Congressionally sanctioned humanitarian organization, the Near East Relief; and
2. Grade Ten World History: Adding language regarding the connection between the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust.

The Genocide Education Project (<http://bit.ly/1QVGagD>) and the Armenian National Committee of America – Western Region (<http://bit.ly/1QVGkor>), have recently submitted specific proposals (<http://bit.ly/1QVGtll>) regarding language changes, and I strongly support all of their recommendations.

By incorporating the recommended language into the framework, the Commission would promote critical thinking as students study the interconnections between historical events. It would also ensure that one of the shining moments of our nation's history—the U.S. response to the Genocide—is included among the lessons which they are taught. We would thus be providing a valuable teaching tool for teachers in espousing a set of values which are inherent to an engaged citizenry and democratic society. It is our responsibility to ensure that future generations of Californians learn that a tremendous positive impact can be made through our collective efforts so that a sense of civic duty and responsibility becomes further engrained in their consciousness.

Once again, I thank you for having been so receptive and having taken action to correct and improve the language within the framework, and I ask you to consider the two additional proposals.

Sincerely,  
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